



Sipayik Human Services Department

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Dear Ellen C. Wheatley,

Sipayik Human Services Department greatly appreciates the award of the CRRSA funds to help with the COVID19 pandemic. Sipayik Human Services Department plans to allocate the funds in the areas and the ways listed below.

Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies):

- Sipayik Human Services plans to continue to provide childcare subsidies to our families who are currently working, participating in an educational program, or training programs. We are also still currently accepting new applications for anyone who is interested in applying for childcare subsidy.

Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices:

- Sipayik Human Services plans to help provide supplies to help prevent the contraction and spread of COVID 19 to the local head start program and our private licensed providers through sanitation and personal PPE supplies. Some of these supplies would include things like masks, soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, gloves, sanitation wipes to clean surfaces, products to clean the facilities and homes, etc. We also plan to help provide cleaning products for our providers to be able to sanitize all the toys, learning supplies, writing materials, etc. frequently to help prevent the spread of COVID19.

Grants or Assistance (other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers:

- Sipayik Human Services is unsure what type of assistance we will be able to help provide other than direct subsidies to providers because our licensed head start facility is currently closed and not open due to the COVID 19 pandemic. We welcome any suggestions or guidelines on how to appropriately spend this money to help support stabilize our providers and centers.

Assistance to Providers not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic:

- Sipayik Human Services is unsure what type of assistance we will be able to help provide to eligible child care providers who are not participating in the subsidy program currently. We welcome any suggestions or guidelines on how to appropriately spend this money to help support and reach more providers who are not currently participating in the subsidy program.

As always, should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at the information listed below. Thank you for your time and patience and I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Frances LaCoute,
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